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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 5, 10-12, 25, 26, 41, 44, 45, 49, 62, 82, 117, 120, 122-125, 129, 132, 143, 146, 147, 148, 153-160 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 5, 10-12, 25, 26, 41, 44, 45, 49, 62, 82, 117, 120, 122-125, 129, 132, 143, 146, 147, 148, 153-160 are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

Office Action Summary

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Restriction is required under 35 USC121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions, which are not linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13:1

Group I: claims 1, 3, 5, 10-12, 25, 26, 143, 146, 147, 148 and 153-160, drawn to a method of adjusting the atmosphere within a chamber.

Group II: claims 117, 120, 122-125, 129, 132 and 82, drawn to an apparatus for adjusting the atmosphere within a chamber.

Group III: claims 41, 44, 45, 49 and 62, drawn to a method of making a chamber capable of converting the atmosphere within the chamber.

The special technical feature linking the inventions is the concept of reducing the level of CO₂ when it gets too high (by using an absorbent), which concept does not provide a contribution over the prior art as evidenced, for example, by the cited Transfresh Reference (WO 91/15179¹⁵⁷¹⁹), or Dow Chemical (WO95/05753), or Shipping Corp. of N. Zealand (EP 0136042).

In accordance with 37CFR. 1.499, applicant is required in response to this Office action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Steven Weinstein whose telephone number is 703 308-0650. The examiner can generally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano, can be reached on (703) 308-3959. The fax phone number for the organization where this application is assigned is 703 872-9310.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308-0661.

Examiner Weinstein/ng

October 24, 2002


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